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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARABIA.

End of plague at Maskat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the deputy-consul of the United States at Maskat reports, under date of May 31, 1900, that there having been no death from bubonic plague at Maskat for two weeks, the British agent and consul issued on May 30 a clean bill of health to the steamship *Assyria*.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine information.

BARBADOS, June 23, 1900.

SIR: My last regular reports were made on March 3 and 17. I have now to report as follows:

Barbados.—Quarantine is in force here against Para, Rio de Janeiro, and Santos, for yellow fever and smallpox; and against Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Mauritius, Oporto, Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, and the State of Paraguay, Manila, and Port Said for bubonic plague. The health of the colony is excellent.

British Guiana.—Quarantine is in force there against Brazil, Cuba, Hayti, and Panama. Arrivals from Portugal, Venezuela, and Calcutta are quarantined for examination by the health officer.

Dutch Guiana.—Her Majesty's consul there on the 8th instant reported the health of the colony to be good, and that quarantine was not in force against any place.

French Guiana.—Her Majesty's vice-consul there reports the health of that colony to be good, and that quarantine is not in force there against any place.

Grenada.—Quarantine is in force there against Bahia, Para, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, and Santos.

Guadeloupe.—Quarantine is in force there only against Buenos Ayres, but all vessels arriving with foul bills of health are quarantined.

Jamaica.—Quarantine is in force there against Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, Venezuela, and the coast of Costa Rica and Panama between and inclusive of Points Carreta and Rincon. Vessels from Key West, India, Alexandria, Hongkong, Oporto, Grand Bassam, French Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Pernambuco, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Spanish ports, are treated as "suspect," and dealt with by the quarantine board after considering the health officer's report.

Leeward Islands.—Quarantine is in force there against Alexandria, Bombay, Brisbane, Calcutta, Hongkong, Lisbon, Mauritius, New South Wales, Oporto, Santos, and Paraguay, for plague; and Bahia, Cuba,

La Guayra, Manaos, Panama, Para, Pernambuco, Puerto Cabello, Rio de Janeiro, and Valencia, for yellow fever and smallpox.

Martinique.—Quarantine is in force there against Egypt, India, Portugal, and Réunion for plague; and against Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Colon, Cuba, Mexico, Porto Rico, and the Southern States of America for yellow fever.

St. Lucia.—Quarantine is in force there against Para, Paraguay, Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, and Santos.

The reports forwarded by the chairman of the quarantine board give the following information:

Bahia.—For the fourteen days prior to May 20, clean bill of health.

Pernambuco.—For the fourteen days prior to June 6, clean bill of health.

Rio de Janeiro.—For the fourteen days prior to May 15, 20 cases, 17 deaths, yellow fever. May 16 to 25, 13 cases, 7 deaths, smallpox; 21 cases, 3 deaths, plague.

Maceio.—For the fourteen days prior to June 4, clean bill of health.

Victoria.—For the fourteen days prior to May 12, clean bill of health.

Santos.—For the fourteen days prior to June 5, 38 cases, 14 deaths, yellow fever. The bills of health from Santos have had no mention of the plague for some months past.

St. Thomas.—Quarantine is in force there against Colon, Cuba, Panama, Para, Tampico, and Vera Cruz, for yellow fever; against Mexico, Pernambuco, and Santos, for smallpox; and against Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Mauritius, Port Said, Rio de Janeiro, and Paraguay, for plague.

St. Vincent.—Quarantine is in force there against Bahia, Panama, Para, and Rio de Janeiro.

Trinidad.—Quarantine is not in force there against any place except Brazilian ports.

Respectfully,

JAS. SANDERSON,
Clerk, Quarantine Board.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *June 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith weekly abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp, Belgium, during the week ended June 23, 1900. Bills of health were issued to 4 vessels bound for ports in the United States. All of these carried cargo with the exception of 1.

Steamship *Noordland* sailed for New York on the 23d instant, carrying 84 cabin and 715 steerage passengers. Five emigrants were refused passage.

The health at this port continues good, no cases of smallpox having been recorded by the local authorities for the week ended June 9, 1900. For the first time since my arrival it is possible to issue a bill of health in which this city is regarded as free from quarantinable diseases.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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